

116<sup>TH</sup> CONGRESS  
1<sup>ST</sup> SESSION

# H. R. 2372

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## AN ACT

To direct the Comptroller General of the United States to conduct an assessment of all memoranda of understanding and memoranda of agreement between Under Secretary of Health and non-Department of Veterans Affairs entities relating to suicide prevention and mental health services.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*  
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Veterans’ Care Quality  
5 Transparency Act”.

6 **SEC. 2. COMPTROLLER GENERAL ASSESSMENT OF MEMO-**  
7 **RANDA OF UNDERSTANDING AND MEMO-**  
8 **RANDA OF AGREEMENT BETWEEN UNDER**  
9 **SECRETARY OF HEALTH AND NON-DEPART-**  
10 **MENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS ENTITIES RE-**  
11 **LATING TO SUICIDE PREVENTION AND MEN-**  
12 **TAL HEALTH SERVICES.**

13 (a) ASSESSMENT.—Not later than 270 days after the  
14 date of the enactment of this Act, the Comptroller General  
15 of the United States shall conduct an assessment of the  
16 effectiveness of all memoranda of understanding and  
17 memoranda of agreement entered into by the Under Sec-  
18 retary of Veterans Affairs for Health and a non-Depart-  
19 ment of Veterans Affairs entity relating to—

20 (1) suicide prevention activities and outreach;

21 and

22 (2) the provision or coordination of mental  
23 health services during the 5-year period preceding  
24 the date of the enactment of this Act.

1 (b) CONTENTS OF ASSESSMENT.—The assessment  
2 required by subsection (a) shall include an assessment  
3 of—

4 (1) the size of the catchment area of each such  
5 entity;

6 (2) the staffing structures of such entities;

7 (3) any accreditation or licensure any such enti-  
8 ty has obtained in relation to the services the entity  
9 provides;

10 (4) any variances in the subpopulations of vet-  
11 erans served by such entities;

12 (5) any limitations any such entity may face in  
13 carrying out its obligations under the memorandum  
14 of understanding or memorandum of agreement;

15 (6) the extent to which the Under Secretary  
16 provides oversight and tracks outcomes of such enti-  
17 ties;

18 (7) any variations in the structure or require-  
19 ments of the memoranda of understanding and  
20 memoranda of agreement;

21 (8) a breakdown of the percentage of such enti-  
22 ties that serve—

23 (A) women veterans;

24 (B) minority veterans;

25 (C) veterans who are over the age of 55;

1 (D) veterans between the ages of 18 and  
2 34;

3 (E) veterans who reside in United States  
4 insular areas; and

5 (F) veterans' families; and

6 (9) any measures taken to ensure the secure ex-  
7 change of data and information between such enti-  
8 ties and the Department of Veterans Affairs.

9 (c) REPORT TO CONGRESS.—Not later than 270 days  
10 after the completion of the assessment under subsection  
11 (a), the Comptroller General shall submit to the Commit-  
12 tees on Veterans' Affairs of the Senate and House of Rep-  
13 resentatives a report on the results of the assessment.

Passed the House of Representatives May 21, 2019.

Attest:

*Clerk.*



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